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TAGS: PFOR EG LY
SUBJECT: RESTRICTED ACCESS TO LIBYAN EMBASSY; AFP ALLEGES NO LIBYAN MAY LEAVE EGYPT

1. AFP, CITING "RELIABLE EGYPTIAN SOURCES", REPORTS FROM CAIRO THAT GOE DECIDED APRIL 13 TO PROHIBIT ALL LIBYAN CITIZENS FROM LEAVING EGYPT. AFP CLAIMS DECISION APPLIES EVEN TO HIGH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING TWO LIBYAN MINISTERS IN CABINET OF CONFEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS (SYRIA/EGYPT/ LIBYA) WHO ARE PRESENTLY IN CAIRO, AND MAY EVEN APPLY TO LIBYAN DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO GOE. AFP CLAIMS LIBYANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION EMBARK ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM CAIRO AIRPORT. "OBSERVERS IN CAIRO" CITED AS SAYING THIS ESCALATION OF BILATERAL BAD FEELING CAUSED ORIGINALLY BY LIBYAN REFUSAL ALLOW BUS TRAVEL FROM ALEXANDRIA TO TRIPOLI, BECUASE EGYPTIAN "FUNCTIONARIES" TOOK ALL THE PLACES AND REFUSED PERMIT LIBYANS TO BOARD. "RELIABLE SOURCE" TOLD AFP EGYPTIANS WORKING IN LIBYA WERE CONSEQUENTLY BANNED FROM RETURNING HOME.

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2. RELIABLE AMERICAN JOURNALIST WHO VISITED LIBYAN PRESS REPLATIONS OFFICE IN CAIRO TO CHECK OUT STORY WAS INTERROGATED AT DOOR BY EGYPTIAN PLAIN CLOTHES POLICEMAN WHO WROTE DOWN PERSONAL DATA AND INQUIRED PURPOSE OF JOURNALIST'S VISIT. AFTER RECORDING THIS INFO, POLICEMAN ANNOUNCED NO NON-LIBYAN IS PERMITTED ENTER PRESS RELATIONS OFFICE. JOURNALIST THEN WENT TO LIBYAN

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EMBASSY PROPER WHERE SAME THING HAPPENED.

3. COMMENT: LIBYAN EMBASSY GATE IS CLOSED AND SIX OR
EIGHT PLAIN CLOTHES POLICEMEN ARE IN EVIDENCE TOGETHER WITH
REGULAR UNIFORMED EGYPTIAN POLICE GUARDS.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT UNPRECENDENTED GOE ACTION AT LIBYAN
EMBASSY PREMISES PORTENDS. AT MINIMUM, HOWEVER, GOE HAS
APPARENTLY DECIDED TAKE SOME CONCRETE ANTI-LARG STEP,
PERHAPS PARTLY IN REACTION TO RISING PUBLIC IRE HERE.
AFP'S "OBSERVERS" CLAIM ALLEGED DECISION ON LIBYAN CITIZENS
AROSE FROM GOE CONVICTION QADHAFI SEEKING OVERTHROW SADAT
AND FROM FOUR STRAIGHT DAYS OF RADIO TRIPOLI BROADCAST
OF A QADHAFI "CONDEMNATION" OF SADAT'S "COUNTER REVOLUTION."

5. WE ARE STILL SEEKING CHECK OUT ALLEGATION LIBYANS
TURNED BACK FROM CAIRO AIRPORT. TWA MANAGER TELLS US
HE HAS RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION ON SUBJECT FROM GOE.
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